

FRATERNAL NOTICES

GRAND LODGE, F. A. A. M. DISTRICT OF
Columbia—Special communication at Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., on the 1st inst. at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new building of the District. All members of the District are invited to attend. The Grand Lodge will be in session at 10 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing officers and delegates to the National Convention. The Grand Lodge will be in session at 10 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing officers and delegates to the National Convention. The Grand Lodge will be in session at 10 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing officers and delegates to the National Convention.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-
holders of the Citizens' Equitable Building Association of Georgetown, D. C., for the purpose of electing officers and directors, will be held at the office of the association, 2008 M. St. N.W., on Monday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. Secretary, CHARLES F. WILLIAMS.

PERMANENT KITCHENS, WHITE, BLUE-EYED,
37 Rhode Island ave. N.W. Phone N. 7054.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
partnership existing between G. W. King & Son in the business of the Washington and Annapolis Ferry, at the corner of 14th and I sts. N.W., has been dissolved. The business of the ferry will be continued by G. W. King, Jr., at the same place. G. W. King, Jr., the business at No. 800 Hope road, Annapolis. (Signed) G. W. KING, Jr.

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Announces the removal of its Washington bureau, including the advertising and circulation departments, from 1008 G St. N.W., to 1114 14th St. N.W. (1st floor, second building).

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REPORT IS ADVERSE

Commission Opposes Washington-Baltimore Canal.

NOT NEEDED BY BUSINESS

Change in Industrial Conditions Only Hope for the Project.

OTHER WATERWAYS FAVORED

Construction of Canal From Pittsburgh to Lake Erie Approved.

Legislation Recommended.

Disapproval of the project for the construction of a canal between the Annapolis river and Chesapeake bay, to connect Washington and Baltimore by a direct water route, is expressed by the national waterways commission in its final report, made public today.

This is one of the specific projects into which the commission was directed to make an investigation.

The report includes many recommendations of a general nature regarding the development and improvement of the inland waterways, most important of which are the need for further legislation to protect waterways from railway competition, to continue it as a means of preserving rate competition and to promote federal co-operation with local interests in the construction of canals.

The only ray of hope which the commission sees in the project for the canal between Washington and Baltimore is a change in industrial conditions and an increase in inland waterways traffic, which would make the Washington-Baltimore canal a connecting link in an important chain of waterways.

Substance of the Report.

"By the act of February 27, 1911, the national waterways commission," the report says, "was also authorized to investigate and report to Congress upon the proposed canal to connect the Annapolis river at some point near the District of Columbia boundary line with the Chesapeake bay or some tributary thereof."

"The original project, investigated in 1923, was to construct a shallow-draft canal as a continuation of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, which was then contemplated for the purpose of obtaining a water route from Baltimore to the Ohio and the west. Later projects have had in view a ship canal to shorten the distance from Washington to the Chesapeake bay and Baltimore. The main argument in support of such a canal at the present time appears to be the substantial saving in distance which it would afford. The distance from Washington to Chesapeake bay by the Potomac river is 110 miles, while by the most feasible canal route the distance would be 34 miles. The distance from Washington to Baltimore by the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay is 210 miles, while by the proposed canal route the distance would be 73 miles. If a sea-level ship canal were constructed, cuts of from 180 to 200 feet would be necessary, depending upon the route selected. Such a canal would be very costly, and only warranted if great traffic possibilities existed. A lock canal of large dimensions is out of the question because of the lack of an adequate water supply."

"The combined minimum discharge of the Annapolis and Patuxent rivers, the only available sources of water supply, is reported by the engineer of this district to be entirely inadequate. Further, there would be little time saved in navigating such a canal in preference to the present roundabout route, since the speed at which a large boat could proceed would not average more than four miles an hour, while the Potomac river and bay it could average ten or twelve miles."

Lack of Traffic Noted.

"Investigation has failed to disclose the sources of any considerable traffic for the proposed canal. It would not form a link in any existing water route and could only obtain such traffic as passes between Baltimore and Washington. None of the coal reaching Georgetown by way of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal is destined for Baltimore. Some coal comes from Baltimore to Washington by rail, but this is not a factor in the canal project. The little or no prospective local traffic along the route of the canal in Maryland."

The present boat lines operating between Washington and Baltimore would not use the canal, inasmuch as they depend for their business to a large extent upon the passenger and freight traffic to intermediate points along the present route."

Changes may come in the channels of trade in the future cannot be accurately foreseen. It is conceivable that the development of more extensive lines of water transportation might make this project a connecting link of considerable importance; but in view of present conditions the commission does not recommend its adoption by the government at this time."

Canal Projects Approved.

The co-operation of the federal government to the extent of allowing army engineers to supervise the work and of improving the approaches at Indian creek, on the Lake Erie end, and the Ohio river at the Pittsburgh end, in the construction of a canal to connect the Ohio river near Pittsburgh with Lake Erie is recommended. The communities interested and through which the canal would run are to be furnished \$100,000 and \$50,000 bonds for the construction of the canal. The commission thinks the federal government should assume no financial responsibilities whatever in connection with the project."

The commission approves of the project for a canal from the southern end of Lake Michigan to the western end of the Erie canal, and the Erie canal to the Maumee river, by way of Port Wayne, with fourteen feet depth of water."

The commission is strong in recommending legislation that will prevent elimination of water competition with railroads and will prohibit the raising of water rates under railway control. Every water carrier engaged in interstate commerce, it is urged, should be under the control of the interstate commerce commission, through rates, joint rates and through bills of lading, such being necessary to uphold water transportation."

Water Terminals Inadequate.

There is complaint against the inadequacy of water terminals and the com-

mission recommends that river and harbor improvements be avoided in the future unless proper facilities are assured. The commission, too, urged legislation for federal control of public terminals, federal co-operation with localities in flood control, prevention of encroachment on